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Democracy on the Defensive.

"The Democratic party," says the State Tribune which pretends to be the official organ of the party, but is nearer that of the administration wing, "needs a touch of its old time aggressiveness. It needs to lay down its shield and pick up a sword."

Concluding this opening appeal, follows the statement, which is not a true proposition and from which therefore no valid conclusion can be drawn. That "the record of Democracy in this state, needs no defense" is preposterous. It is an open imposition upon the people, to think that they believe what ever is Democratic (by our legislature's construction) is right. It would be well for the state Democracy, if no defense were needed for its record, for where is it not vulnerable? The people have been so well informed as to the doing and do-wrong policy of the legislature, the stubbornness of the Governor, some of whose appointees are disreputable and a disgrace to him, yet who receive his open support, that instead of enumerating the weak points, they would rather learn of what saving graces can be summoned in defense of an administration that must be acknowledged a failure and a legislature that fizzled away its usefulness and time in a party squabble. Whether Stephens is all that some accuse him of, or whether the legislature has been as useless as charged, the failure of both in the way of securing practical and needed legislation is acknowledged, save by a few organs, which do state printing and hope to continue to do the same, by deceiving the people of Missouri. But the attempt is presumptuous, in view of the knowledge possessed by the people as to actual facts.

Yet reverting more directly to the subject, why should the democratic party seek to play the aggressor in this state. It is not so much for the enthusiasm, going forward brings, but to withdraw attention, from what has been done. As the party in power, controlling every branch of state government and its institutions, and therefore in every sense responsible for its management, it is right and just that Democracy should be on the defensive; and the voters of Missouri will hold that party upon its record, regardless of the fact that it would prefer to shift the same. Though quick to claim credit for what little good they do, the state leaders do not rely with much confidence on the record of the past two years.

Concluding its advice, the organ mentioned proceeded to show that Republican rule in ante-bellum and reconstruction days could be made a good issue. Turn back in the course of history nearly thirty years, judge the Republican state leaders then (who are all dead,) according to traditions; on the other hand, judge the leaders in Democracy of to day by their professions, and not by records that are being chronicled in every daily of the state, regardless of politics—do these two things and you do the bidding of the machine democrats of this state, who seek to perpetuate

the existing order of things. This old war cry, which has cracked the party's lash in every campaign, is played out and will only convince Missourians of the hollowness of that party's claims and promises.

The very indications of the times, point to a refusal to allow such by-gone and misinterpreted history to become the issues of the next state campaign. Immorality and drunkenness running our state institutions, extravagance hand in hand with unjust tax measures to make it possible, the work of our legislature—it is time that the people investigate closely and vote accordingly in state matters, rather than take the word and charges of persons, who are directly interested in the success of the state ticket.

This is all the Republicans of Missouri ask, confident that in their own deserts, and the "sorry" record of their opponents, there can be no faltering or doubting as to a choice of which party, greater good can be done both to Missouri and her citizens.

Under the inviting laws of New Jersey, trusts have been incorporated with an aggregate capital of \$1,500,000,000 since January 1st. of the present year. New Jersey's gain is the country's loss; however; and the fact becomes more evident each month, that something must be done to curtail the powers of trusts, thus decreasing the advantages to be gained by such combinations, and maintaining openings to individual enterprises. The Republican party is not a friend of trusts, in the powers they are now using, and will prove this in the next Congress. It is not in the position of the irresponsible minority party, and consequently is not so profuse and rabid in its declarations, nor so vainly courting a popular sympathy that is gained by loud protestations which they are not in a position to enact. Responsibility adds conservatism to the exercise of authority, and the Republican party may be trusted to deal with this evil when the next Congress meets.

The Democratic dinner to be given in St. Louis this month, according to the calculation of some of the state leaders, will not be graced with any toast responses from the old leaders of the party. The party managers, while in full sway in state politics, should spend a part of their evening in smoking the pipe of peace. As to how Stephens and some of the county editors are to sup at the same table and lay aside their former accusations, is not exactly self evident. Some discretion must be used, not only in the invitations, but also as to seats, lest the Missouri dinner prove a less harmonious affair, than the New York arrangements.

If Dewey's return be postponed till that time when he shall escape notice and the ovations of an admiring public, he must perforce become a resident of our territory across the Pacific. War heroes holding the hearts of Americans as Dewey does, are not forgotten, when peace reigns, so the Admiral might as well resign himself to the inevitable and not remain away to avoid public notice.

Mrs Henrietta Gilliam, of Slater, was the guest of relatives here on Saturday.

The long domination of any one party in state or national politics brings forward the machine element of that organization to be its master and dictate its course. This is an acknowledged truth, and no less is it true, that machine politics, necessarily becomes corrupt, because not guided by the general average morality of the people, but by corrupt ringsters, who hesitate not to subvert wise legislation, fair administration and just rulings, to openly corrupt plundering and squandering of public moneys and offices. This is true in Missouri and the people have at last recognized it.

The asylum and industrial home investigations have unearthed too much immorality, debauchery, and drunkenness on the part of either the management or those in high positions to be recorded in a reputable newspaper.

The response, that has met the appeal of Kirksville's Mayor for aid, is quite in touch with the brotherly feeling that binds American hearts, not only as fellow-country-men but in the broader humanitarian ties.

The most apt illustration of the winding motion of the Kirksville cyclone, was the case reported, in which a young lady suffered the loss of one of two plaits of hair, and the other was left intact.

Mrs Eddy, the Christian Scientist, evidently had such "faith" as to trust that her teachings would never be found to have their origin in fac-simile records of a predecessor Dr. Quinby.

A Big Beef Contract

O. P. Grimes, near Madison, and Jeff Bridgford, of Paris, captured the contract for supplying beef to the penitentiary at Jefferson City for one year. Their bid was \$6.47 per cwt., net. Some idea of the size of the contract may be had from the fact that the convicts consume 2500 pounds of beef a day. The contractors are required to deliver the beef at the penitentiary on the hoof and it is slaughtered as it is needed. Jeff Bridgford figures that 1500 cattle will be required and thinks they ought to make 50c per cwt. on each animal. This would pay them a good profit, but they assume the risk of high markets, accidents, etc. The contractors are both veteran stockmen, with plenty of nerve and judgment.—Paris Appeal.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying, I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined, if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at P. H. Franklin's Drug Store.

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